### WILSON'S HOPE OF EARLY END OF WAR IS BLASTED

Entente's Reply to His Note Not Serve to Close the Door Entirely

GERMAN CIRCLES ARE ENRAGED BY RESULT, the United States has never ceased to be

nue Left for Another Move in Behalf of Peace Later On

ther move on the part of peace and in through his kindly intermediation. It what way one may be accomplished. The note was discussed at a cabinet to see the present war ended as early as The note was discussed at a possible possible.

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"If there is a country which has the president of the possible possible possible."

utmost deliberation.

German diplomats here were outspoken the future." in their denunciation of the allies' note and in their declaration that such terms never should be accepted. Admittedly, the note was more severe than they had been led to expect and they declared that the Germanic allies were prepared to

In their reply the entente nations express the belief that it is impossible at present moment to attain a peace that will assure them reparation and such guarantees as they consider are essential. In a separate note the Belgian government expresses its desire for peace

French text of the entente note, as cabled by Ambassador Sharp at Paris, fol-

the note which was delivered to them in tente to the note of December 12 conthe name of the government of the taining a proposition to enter at once United States on the 19th of December, into peace negotiations. The note then 1916. They have studied it with the continues: care imposed upon them both by the exact realization which they have of the gravity of the honor and by the sincere proposition without sincerity and withfriendship which attaches them to the out importance. The form in which they American people.

the assimilation established in the Amer- opinion regarding the situation. ican note between the two groups of belligerents; this assimilation, based upon reservation to make known their peace tacks were made by the British troops public declarations by the central powdence, both as regards responsibility for to their sincerity. the past and as concerns guarantees for the future; President Wilson in men- hands to examine the proposition as to were driven back with heavy losses by tioning it certainly had no intention of its contents, neither attempted an ex- a counter attack. A thrust near Serre associating himself with it.

lished at the present date, it is the willful aggression of Germany and Austria-Hungary to insure their hegemony over Europe and their economic domination ties and the free existence of small over the world.

### Tribute to U. S. Sentiment.

American note is inspired and that they believe that it is impossible at the present moment to attain a peace which will out precedent in history. assure them reparation, restitution and titled by the aggression for which the responsibility rests with the central pow-

of peoples, of right and of humanity. Their (the allies) objects in the war the equitable compensations and indemfor damages suffered until the hour of negotiations. But the civilized world knows that they imply in all necessity and in the first instance the restoration of Belgium, of Serbia and of Montenegro and the indemnities which are due them; the evacuation of the invaded territories of France, of Russia. and of Rumania with just reparation: the reorganization of Europe guaranteed by a stable regime and founded as much upon respect of nationalities and full secarity of liberty (of) economic development, which all nations, great or small, undermines the prestige of the race on and a sister, who resides in St. Johns- were wholly indicative of a year of ment, which all nations, great or small, that continent. The barbarous treat-bury, Mr. Randall had been a resident achievement. Numerically, the associand international agreements suitable to ment of prisoners, especially in Africa of Williamstown for the past fifteen tion continues strong and the treasurer's guarantee territorial and maritime fron- and Russia and the deportation of the years, except for a year's residence in statement showed it to be well intremched tiers against unjustified attacks; the restitution of provinces or territories wrested in the past from the allies by force are further proof of how our adversaries by trade and conducted a store in conor against the will of their populations, respect justice and civilization." the liberation of Italians, of Slavs, of Humanians, and of Tcheco Slovaques from foreign domination; the enfranisloody tyranny of the Turks; the expul- night, the war office says.

sion from Europe of the Ottoman empire which has proved itself so radically alien to western civilization. The intentions on Peace Makes It Seem of His Majesty, the emperor of Russia, regarding Poland have been clearly indicated in the proclamation which he has just addressed to his armies. It goes Although Statement Does without saying that if the allies wish to liberate Europe from the brutal covetousness of Prusslan militarism, it never has been their design, as has been aldisappearance. That which they desire above all is to insure a peace upon the principles of liberty and justice, upor the inviolable fidelity to international obligation with which the government of

"United in the pursuits of this supreme bject the allies are determined, individ-President Begins Close Ex- ually and collectively, to set with all their power and to consent to all sacriamination of the Note, to flees to bring to a victorious close a conflict upon which they are convinced not only their own safety and prosperity depends, but also the future of civilization

> Special Belgian Note. The translation of the Belgian note,

which was handed to Ambassador Sharp with the entente reply, says in part: "The government of the king, which has associated itself with the answer handed by the president of the French council to the American ambassador on Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.-President behalf of all, is particularly desirous of Wilson to-day began a careful and delib- paying tribute to the sentiment of huerate examination of the entente reply to manity which prompted the president of his peace note in order to determine the United States to send his note to the belligerent powers and it highly esteems the friendship expressed for Belgium

All quarters agreed that while the en- right to say that it has taken up arms tente made a complete teply for the to defend its existence, it is assuredly president's request for terms, the note seemed to offer no hope for an early end of the war, but, fortunately, did not close that an end be brought to the unprecedent the door upon further effort on the presi- dented sufferings of her population. But dent's part. The next steps by the she could only accept a peace which United States will be chosen after the would assure her, as well as equitable reparation, security and guarantees for

### "WAR OF STARVATION AGAINST GERMANY"

Is Declaration Made In Official Note to Neutral Governments by Germany Concerning Reply of Entente to Peace Proposal.

Berlin, Jan. 12 (by wireless to Say- or denial of the charge which led to his but declares it could only accept a settle-ment which would assure it reparation and security in the future.

Ville) — Germany yesterday handed neu-tral governments a note concerning the archive detective quizzically for an instant Extracts from the translation of the proposals, the Overseas News agency announced.

It is first stated, says the news agency announcement, that the German govern- at the patient's bedside. "The allied governments have received ment has received the reply of the en-

"Our adversaries declined this proposi tion, giving as the reason that it is a clothe their communication excludes an The allied governments believe that answer to them, but the imperial governthey must protest in the most friendly, ment considers it important to point out most specific manner against to the governments of neutral powers its

"Their readiness was affirmed without

"Our adversaries, who had it in their amination nor made counter proposals. broke down under German fire. "If there is an historical fact estab- Instead, they declared that peace was impossible so long as the re-establishment of violated rights and liberties, the recognition of the principal of nationali-

states were not guaranteed. "The sincerity which our adversary denies to the proposals of the four al-"In a general way they wish to de- lied powers, will not be conceded by the clare that they pay tribute to the eleva- world to these demands if the world tion of the sentiment with which the holds before its eyes the fate of the Irish people, the destruction of the liberty associate themselves with all their hopes and independence of the Boer republic, with the project for the creation of a the subjugation of northern Africa by league of nations to insure peace and England, France and Italy, the suppresjustice throughout the world. But they sion of Russian alien nations, and also the violation of Greece, which is with

'Against the pretended violations of guarantees to which they are en- the laws of nations by the four allies (Teutonic) those powers are not entitled spensibility rests with the central pow-ers and of which the principle itself of the war trampled on justice and tore tended to ruin the security of Europe; a to pieces the treaties upon which it is peace which would on the other hand per-built. England already during the first mit the establishment of the future of weeks of the war repudiated the London European nations on a solid basis. The declaration, the content of which had allied nations are conscious that they are been recognized by its own delegates as not fighting for selfish interests but a valid law of nations, and in the furabove all to safeguard the independence ther course of the war violated in the most severe fashion also the Paris declawill not be made known in detail with all ration; so that, by her arbitrary measures for warfare, a condition of lawless.

ness has been created. "The war of starvation against Germany and the pressure exercised in England's interest against neutrals are commands of humanity.

French Report No Activity.

### THAW'S WOUNDS ARE NOT FATAL

And He Will Leave Hospital in Two Weeks, Say Physicians

UNLESS HE HAS TAKEN POISON TABLETS

leged, to encompass the extermination of Several Tablets Bringing the German peoples and their political Slow Dooth Word Francisco Slow Death Were Found in Captured Man's Pockets

> cut the artery in his wrists in an atthemselves, the physicians say.

is considered out of danger on the charge

Captain of Detectives Tate stated that Thaw will be arraigned on the charge of attempting to commit suicide, as soon as

Thaw gashed himself with a razor be-Tacot, in whose home he was known as "Mr. West.' He had been there since last Tuesday, when news of the indictments and the issuance of a bench warcut his throat twice and severed an artery of his left wrist. Had the wound in his neck been one-eighth of an inch to physicians.

Thaw was unconscious when discovered dition until his arrival at the hospital. Restoratives brought him to a semiconscious condition and his mind apcared to be wandering. Sometime later Detective Lieutenant Wood, assured by the hospital physicians that his condition was not serious enough to necessitate an ante-mortem statement, approached his bedside and remarked;

"You are not going to die, Harry, but nevertheless there may be something which you may now want to tell us, Will you do so?" Doctors, nurses, attendants and detectives waited anxiously for a confession

and closed his eyes.

Two detectives were placed on guard

#### BRITISH HURLED BACK AFTER INITIAL SUC-CESS AT BEAUCOURT

German Official Report Also Tells of Heavy Losses Sustained by British -Heavy Fighting Continues on Northern End of Russian Front

Berlin, by wireless, Jan. 12.-Two atconditions when negotiations were en- early this morning on the French front

The Rumania town of Lauburtea was ress on the northern end of the Russian tacked along the Vilna-Dvinsk railroad was not associated with the measure. but were repulsed with heavy losses.

GERMAN CASUALTIES, 4,010,160.

According to Figures Prezented by the British Government.

London, Jan. 12.-The total German ment yesterday, which reads:

"A summary of the German casualties ucts. colonial casualties are excluded."

### DIED AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

William E. Randall, Who Was a Resident of Barre a Short Time.

William E. Randall, a former resident of Barre, died at his home in Williamsnot less scandalously conflicting with the town last evening, after an illness of rules of the laws of nations as with the four weeks. Recently he was a patient in the Barre City bospital, where he tions, and incompatible with the usages abscess. His condition seemed to improve Retail Merchants' association, which was of civilization, are the use of colored and for a time it was thought that he troops in Europe and the extension of would recover. Latterly, his condition Averill block this forenoon. There was the war into Africa, which was done by was critical for several days. He leaves a large attendance and the contents of nection with his shop in Williamstown. sement of populations subject to the of importance on the French front last prominent a musical circles and belonged thur to the Congregational church.

### 500,000 SHELLS SET OFF IN FIRE; LOSS \$4,000,000

There Were Hundreds of Refugees at Kingsland, N. J., Last Night as the Explosions Continued.

New York, Jan. 12.—The 80-acre ammunition plant of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co. near Kingsland, N. J., was a scarred and blackened ruin to-day, having been swept by flames and ploughed by shells. The fire, which started late yesterday afternoon, was still smouldering in spots to-day, and the fire-men who stood helpless at a safe dis-tance last night watching the explosion of half a million three-inch and six-inch shells, closed in on the ruins cautiously There have been no official reports o loss of life.

The monetary loss, estimated at more than \$4,000,000, is accounted for almost entirely by the destruction of shells

Deal of Discussion which the company loads at this point for the Russian government. The 40 or Philadelphia, Jan 12,—Harry Thaw,

tempt to commit suicide yesterday will their homes which surrounded the plant man Frank L. Greene, a joint resolution be able to leave the hospital within two to escape the rain of projectiles were weeks unless he swallowed poison tablets, according to the physicians to-day. Several poison tablets, which produce fowns. Some time may elapse before it slow death, were found in his pockets as a wind surrounded the plant to escape the rain of projectiles were through both branches when he appeared as a visitor. Congressman Greene was heartly reserved soon after 8 o'clock, but it was served soon after 8 o'clock, but it was served soon after 8 o'clock, between \$5,000 and congressman Greene was heartly reserved soon after 8 o'clock before the diners set served soon after 8 o'clock, but it was served soon after 8 o'clock before the diners set served soon after 8 o'clock, but it was served soon after 8 o'clock before the diners set served soon after 8 o'clock, but it was served soon after 8 o'clock before the diners set served soon after 8 o'clock before the store. The loss of Davis Bros. So,000 on the contents of their building to the police in the hotel dining room. Congressman Greene was heartly received and was accorded generous appeared in the hotel dining room. Congressman Greene was heartly received and was accorded generous appeared in the hotel dining room. Congressman Greene was heartly received so and the store, reckonded at \$5,000, is partially covered by insurance, although the covered by manner of the store. and if he took one of them it may be lives in the Hackensack marshes, through 24 hours before the symptoms manifest which many plunged in their blind rush legislation and Vermont ideals and bill of fare that came in for many fa- owners were unable to say off hand this for safety.

of kidnapping and assaulting Frederick thousands of unexploded shells lay on the consideration before expressing himself

The fire did not reach the company's magazibes in which was stored, trinituluol, nitrie acid, pagrie acid and black powder used in charging shells. These magazines are situated in a remote quarlonging to the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth ter of the enclosure and are carefully

Buildings within a radius of two miles were shaken by the force of the explosions and almost all the windows in them rant in New York became known. He were badly damaged by falling shells and several were set on fire.

There was a reign of terror through the township where the plant is situated. of the section became panic stricken.

Within an hour after the fire started with a blood-stained razor on the floor almost every highway was filled with beside his bed. He remained in that con- refugees, men, women and children carrying their most cherished possessions. Many of the women carried babies in their arms, while many others pushed baby carriages.

Most of the refugees made their way to Kingsland and Lyndhurst. The fact that relatives were employed in the plant added to the terror of some of the women who besieged the police for information about what had happened.

## MORE MONEY FOR AGRICULTURE

"I have nothing to say," he said feebly, F. L. Greene as toastmaster. A feature that the law enables the larger communof the banquet was a brief talk by Gov-ernor Graham who said: "The state of offices. The primary law undoubtedly Vermont should do more for agriculture has some defects as drawn two years should do more this year for forestry prepared amending the act with the in-than she did last. But all the agri-tention of eliminating these defects and, under one head,' in his opinion.

Get a good man and pay him a good some members. salary, was the governor's idea. And for an assistant, give him a professional forester. The governor thought also that, important as it was to advertise the state's scenery, hotels, roads, etc., a more important function still was to tee on suffrage and elections. gather information regarding the state's farms so as to attract people into the to amend section 4189 of the P. S., ex- controversy. state to live here. The improvement of the roads was another step necessary be. attachment. (Markers, gravestones, etc., ers, is in direct opposition to the evi- tered into, which refutes every doubt as north of the Ancre river. North of cause of the farms. If the people of the Beaucourt the British gained an initial state wanted to keep their two schools success, the war office announces, but of agriculture (those at Randolph Center and Lyndonville) they must put down their hands into their pockets,

Resolutions Adopted by the Association. captured yesterday by the Teutons, the among them being one urging the Verstatement says. The Russians were driv- mont congressional delegation not to peren back toward Sereth between Bralia mit any charge in the federal statutes and Galatz. Heavy fighting, which in that would encourage freer use of olecreased in violence yesterday, is in prog- omargarine or other butter substitutes. Another resolution endorsed the Smith-

front, both along the Dwina and to the Hughes vocational bill and regretted that 1915, relating to a declaration of party south of the Dvinsk. The Russians at the name of Vermont's junior senator affiliation at primaries. (Ballots for pri-The association went on record as fa-

tion-wide scope, and also favored promoting uniformity by legislation in the appraisal of stock.

The dairymen approved of the suggesasualties since the beginning of the war tion of the state commissioner of agriwere placed at 4,010,160 in an official culture of the expansion of the inspecsummary issued by the British govern- tion system now in force and any other measures that would improve dairy prod-

reported in official German casualty lists | Although the association is largely edpublished during December gives a total ucational one resolution states that it state. After July 1, 1918, all such deeds of 88,291, which, added to those previ- could not fail to go on record as favoring and mortgages recorded in town clerk's onsly reported, brings the total Germany adequacy of financial return for dairy office, to be on such forms. Commissioncasualties to 4,010,160. The naval and products. The members would also have ers to get only necessary expenses.) the principal officers, the president, secretary and treasurer, be made an exofficio committee to see that the policies and interests of the association are furthered by legislation at Montpelier,

### MERCHANTS' OFFICERS

Were Elected at the Annual Meeting This Forenoon.

Trustees and other officers were elected "Likewise, contrary to the laws of na- submitted to an operation for a mastoid read at the annual meeting of the Barre held at manufacturers' hall in the C. W. Badger and W. D. Smith.

Paris, Jan. 12.—There were no events in Chicago. He was an Old Fellow, were elected as follows: President, Ar- the counties in the state of Vermont. It said guardian, Moore: scretary-treasurer, Frank W. Jackson.

## HALT WORK TO

Legislature Gave Congressman Hearty Greeting This Forenoon

BILL IN TO REPEAL THE PRIMARY LAW

Over It

At the conclusion of routine business the slashed his threat with a razor and short time when it had finished the pres-ent contract. met in joint assembly at eleven o'clock More than 1,000 persons who fled from and listened to an address by Congress-

plause at the close of his brief talk on Detectives are on guard at Thaw's bedode, ready to arrest him as soon as he seconsidered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone. The data danger zone are considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone, where considered out of danger on the charge of the danger zone. as to what the people back home would desire him to do. The good legislator board, acted as chairman of the after- lage had turned out. should have at least three qualifications, honesty, intelligence and backbone, especially the latter so that others might know that they can depend on him to stay put, once his intentions are known.

When the House adjourned this forenoon it was to convene Monday after-Aside from the passage of four bills, spoke as follows:
among them the bill to repeal the Perry
mrabilitary prohibitory law enacted two years ago, and the introduction by Mr. Williams deeper he could not have lived, according As the explosions continued the residents of Pawlet of a bill to repeal the direct primary law the House did little of importance on this, the tenth day of the mittee on appropriations which would appropriate \$50,000 for the completion of the bill introduced yesterday by the com-

pealing the Perry law, H. 9, relating to the collection of taxes, H. 11, and providing for the consolidation of state with a small amount of water. insurance reports and H. 21, relating to the publication of the list of insurance corporations was ordered to a third read-

to-day than she did yesterday. She ago but bills have been, or are being, cultural and forestry interests' should be therefore, the introduction of the repeal measure was somewhat of a shock to

### Bills Introduced in House.

By Mr. Williams of Pawlet, an act to repeal No. 4 of the acts of 1915, providing for primary elections. To commit-

By Mr. Pirie of Williamstown, an act understandings and much unnecessary empting burial lots and monuments from of more than \$25 value may within six months after delivery, be attached for purchase price thereof.) To judiciary committee.

By Mr. Stearns of Burlington, 1915, relating to public service corpora-A number of resolutions were adopted, tions other than railroads. (Corporations for operating street railway business may be formed under the general corporation act.) To committee on cor porations and franchises. By Mr. Perkins of Waterbury, an ac

to amend section 7 of No. 4 of the acts of mary shall be on white paper and, as nearly as practicable, in the same form voring an emergency fund which would as ballots for general elections. Voters enable the state's agricultural interests must ask for the ballot of the party to to be represented at meetings of na- which they belong.) To committee on suffrage and elections.)

By Mr. Dillon of Duxbury, an act to create a commission to formulate a uniform system of blanks for deeds and mortgages, and the records thereof. Provides for a commission to be appointed by the governor, consisting, of three town clerks, to formulate a uniform system of blank forms for deeds and mortgages, for general use in the To judiciary committee.

Bill Introduced in Senate

By Senator Howe of Bennington, an act relating to non-resident fishing licenses. (Fee of \$2 for a non-resident or 1790, in Mauch Chunk. an amount equal to that required for license in state or country where nonresident resides.) To committee on fish to Harrisburg on a boat and from there Bock; warder, Elmer J. Clark; conductend game.

### PEDDLERS' LICENSES.

Proposal Made to Round Up Many Not Now Paying.

A bill relating to the licensing of peda breach of existing treaties and which his wife, a daughter living in the West the secretary's and treasurer's reports taxes to carry out the recommendations seaboard. These boats being called arks. Alsace-Lorraine, Galicia and Bukowina shop on Pearl street. He was a barber further proof of how our adversaries by trade and conducted a store in concenses were issued to peddlers on foot, For some years in young manhood he was employed by a large mercantile firm was called to order and officers for 1917 diers traveling other than on foot, in all

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### BUSINESS MEN HAD STATION AND ENJOYABLE BANQUET BUSINESS MEN HAD

HEAR GREENE About 100 Men Gathered at Hotel Barre and Listened to Address on Coal by W. A. Clark of Northampton, Mass.

Success was written in large letters

across the enterprise of the Barre Board of Trade in arranging for a series of four business men's dinners at Hotel
Barre, the first of the get-together affairs
having been held last evening, when
about 100 business and professional men
of the city, together with a number of
invited guests, assembled for an 8 o'clock dinner and then listened to an illuminating smoke-talk on coal by W. A. Clark of Northampton, Mass., president of the New England Coal Retailers' association and a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. For the committee which brought to a successful issue the initial dinner, the real satisfaction which every one expressed who attended was reward enough and if the dinner series is some-thing of a departure in the way of emphazing the value of co-operation and good fellowship, there is, nevertheless, plenty of evidence that the Board of

proved lines. There was a man for nearly every Vermont passenger station, and their thoughts linger pleasantly over a tially covered by insurance, although the principles. He told the legislature that vorable comments. It was a neighbor- forenoon just how much they were proof working as a unit for the public welfare. W. G. Reynolds, president of the gave an alarm and soon the entire vil-

troduced Mr. Clark. Naturally, someone, before the evening was over, would speak of coal as a burning question, but President Reynolds had thence to the railway station. None of the first chance at the little word-play the contents of the store was saved and and after that he was happy in introduc- the furnishings and supplies at the stanoon at 3:30 o'clock and the Senate ad. ing the man who later was to handle the tion were lost. It was said to-day that journed until 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, coal question without gloves. Mr. Clark the box car formed a connecting link be-

dinner program and it was he who in-

#### Mr. Clark's Address.

England would not be what it is if it presumed that the office, which is located were not for coal. Our homes, our fac- near the track, would serve as a station tories, our transportation facilities are until two passenger cars are dropped off Because of a technical error, all dependent upon coal. Something over on a siding. The local agent did not eare thirty million (30,000,000) tons in fact, to quote any figures when asked concern the new state building was recommitted, fossil fuel, a black earthy substance, was left in the station. The box car was The House bills passed were H. 1, he- which is dug from the ground and can be burned. Chemically it consists of carbon, volatile matter, sulphur, and ash,

"To the householder in New England Davis Bros., which is located just across who uses anthracite coal for heating and the road from the store. Once the office cooking, coal is that substance which caught afire, but the blaze was quickly seems to take a large part of his income extinguished with the use of buckets The introduction of the bill to wipe the primbary law off the statute books the primbary law off the statute books show I believe that the cream that the night was still, And More for Forestry Declared Gov.

Graham to Dairymen.

Butlington Jan 12. The annual con
Butlington Jan 13. The annual con
Butlington Jan 19. The annual con
Butlingt Burlington, Jan. 12.—The annual convention of the Vermont Dairymen's association closed with a banquet at Hotel Vermont last evening, with Congressman vermont last evening, with Congressman vermont last evening with Congressman vermon vermont last evening with Congressman vermont last evening with

the creameries. tistics show that there is a billion and a tional meeting house which stood as a half tons (1,500,000,000) of coal produced landmark for years near the burial in the world and that about 40 per cent ground. In 1906 Davis Bros. purchased of this is mined in the United States. the structure at auction, moved it to a This 40 per cent consists of, speaking in site near the railroad crossing and there round umbers, five hundred million tons converted it into a merchandising estabof bituminous and ninety million of an-lishment. The firm was quite heavily thracite. Naturally, with the tonnage of stocked and carried a wide variety of bituminous five times as much as an merchandise. thracite, the percentage of newspaper articles about coal is largely with reference to the bituminous mineral. People gen erally read the word coal as meaning the Though Fire Was Raging Inside of Operkind down cellar; this causes many mis-

"It is especially in regard to the ninety millions that I intend to enlighten you. Let me first give you a very short histhousands of years before the Christian era. Coal is referred to several times in asbestos. amend section 1 of No. 163 of the acts of the Bible, especially by King Solomon when he writes somewhere about 1016 afternoon performance. There was a B. C., Proverb 26-21, 'As coals are to large audience present, but immediate burning coals, wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife."

"Some writers think this refers

the coal of that country he referred to, erators escaped without injury. "Coal was first discovered in America by Joliet and Marquette in 1673, near what is the present city of Utica, Illinois. The credit of this first discovery is frequently given to a Jesuit missionary, Fr. Hennepin, who found coals on first mines that we know about are along the James river in Virginia-1750. These mines were operated by an English company, who for a long time had exclusive sale of their products along the Atlantic seaboard. Coal was not used for domespensive: wood was abundant and cheap. "You may be interested to know that ated in a small way. Incidentally, they are the nearest to the Atlantic seaboard Island mines. Anthracite coal was first Wyoming valley, Pennsylvania, 1766. Penn in London. In 1770, coal was found in Mahenov and Shamokin, Penn., in

cite coal was made when it was taken secretary, H. W. Scott; treasurer, L. C. hauled in wagons to Carlisle, Penn, for the use of the American troops. In 1780 Carr; right supporter of the noble grand, William Morris took a wagonload from Frank E. Adams; left supporter of the Tamaqua to Philadelphia, a distance of noble grand, Charles Webster; right sup-100 miles, but was unable to sell it, as porter of the vice-grand, H. W. Clark people said it was nothing but black left supporter. Wesley Fulsom; right

# STORE BURNED

Loss at West Berlin This Morning Is Estimated at \$12,000

THE CHIEF LOSERS

Their Stoneshed Just Across the Street Was in Danger

West Berlin, Jan. 12 .-- A fire loss ag gregating \$12,000 was sustained in th Trade is doing its pioneering along apvillage early to-day when the ger store owned by Davis Bros., the C

Without any system of fire protection, the inhabitants were helpless to prevent the fire from communicating to a box car tween the store and the station. Early this forenoon a telegraph wire was connected with the office of Davis Bros.' "There is no doubt whatever that New granite manufacturing plant and it was

What little assistance they could lend that actually counted, the citizens brought to focus on the granite shed of

records were destroyed. The store was "There are many kinds of coal. Sta- a remodelled church—the old Congrega-

### AUDIENCE NOT ALARMED

ators' Booth at "Movie" Show. Burlington, Jan. 12. - A fire which started during yesterday afternoon's performance at the Majestic theatre in the machine operator's booth destroyed two tory of the coal business. It is pretty moving picture machines and several reels well proved that coal was mined in China of films, the blaze being confined to the booth, which is constructed of steel and

The fire started in the middle of the announcement was made by the manager that the booth was fireproof and that there was no danger. Many members of charcoal, but as Syria abounds in coal of the audience stayed in the building to a certain kind, it is probable that it was watch the fire. Both of the machine op-

### OFFICERS ELEVATED

At Odd Fellows' and Rebekahs' Joint

Installation. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, the one of the banks of the Missouri in 1689. The Hiawatha lodge, No. 20, and the other of Bright Star lodge, No. 18, came together last evening for the annual joint installation, the ceremonial of elevating to their respective chairs being followed by a banquet. The officers of Hiawatha lodge were installed by R. S. Jeffords of Wiltic purposes to any extent, being too ex- liamstown, district deputy grand master, who was assisted by his brother, P. J. Jeffords, who acted in the absence of the some of these mines are still being oper- district deputy grand marshal. Officersed into office by Mrs. Flora Clark, the with the possible exception of the Rhode district deputy president, who was assisted by Miss Mand Dike, the district discovered in Rhode Island in 1760, in deputy grand marshal. A banquet committee headed by Mrs. Ernest W. Houswhen a sample was sent to William ton had charge of the after-ceremonial dinner, which was enjoyed by 100 people. The official slate for Hiawatha lodge in

1917 is as follows: Noble grand, Ernest "In 1776 the first shipment of anthra- W. Houston: vice-grand, Will O. Averill; or, George Thompson; chaplain, Clarence scene supporter, E. A. Williams; inside "Anthracite was first shipped by boat guard, Clarence J. Bishop; outside guard,

of Governor Graham relative to the cen- as they could not be returned upstream. are to serve the Rebekah lodge this year tralizing of the licensing authority, has were sold with the coal. This method of are: Noble grand. Mrs. Allie Rydberg: been introduced by Mr. Rierden of Bar-transportation is said to have cost \$5 yier grand, Mrs. Alex. Duncan; secretary, From information obtained by the per ton, which is five times the present Mrs. D. V. Stone; treasurer, Mrs. Flora "History tells us that about two-thirds porter of the noble grand, Mrs. Ernest and only 57 licenses were issued to ped- of these boats, or arks, never reached W. Houston: left supporter, Mrs. Mary Miss Mary Patterson; outside guardian, Elmer J. Clark.